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Fuel Standards Environmental Coordination Committee Minutes

Date	July 25, 2000
Time	10:00 AM- 12:00 noon
Place	Reno International Airport, Conference Room C

TO:	
1	Ms. Teri Baltisberger, Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles & Public Safety
2	Mr. Jim Smitherman, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
3	Mr. Daryl E. Capurro, Nevada Motor Transport
4	Mr. Ed Hoganson, Nevada Department of Agriculture
5	Mr. Mike Eriksen, Nevada Propane Dealers Association
6	Dr. Jason Geddes, Chemist, Nevada Department of Agriculture
7	Mr. Andy Goodrich, Washoe County Health Department, Air Quality Management Division
8	Ms. Linda O'Brien, Washoe County Health Department, Air Quality Management Division
9	Mr. John Snow, Nevada Division of Minerals, Oil, Gas & Geothermal Programs Manager
10	Ms. Adele Malone, Nevada Department of Environmental Protection
11	Mr. George Savage, Clark County Health Department, Air Quality Division
12	Mr. Ken Platt, Clean Fuels Technology

ITEMS DISCUSSED

1	Washoe County Proposed MTBE ban	x
2	Current status of Bill Drafts for 2001 Legislature	
3	Alternative Fuel Regulations	
4	New Items	
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Meeting came to order at 10:00 a.m.

Jason Geddes was properly chastised for having a meeting over lunch that did not include lunch.

Washoe County Proposed Ban on MTBE

Andy Goodrich and Linda O'Brien updated the committee on the status of the proposed MTBE ban. The original proposal changed to correspond with the California phase out. The proposal was tabled to the September meeting of the District Board of Health (It was later postponed to the October 25 meeting due to a technicality). They explained that it hasn't been much of an issue in Washoe County as most of our gasoline comes from the Bay area and everyone has been using Ethanol since 1995. MTBE can still be used as an octane enhancer and California has proposed a phase out to keep the maximum level of MTBE at 0.3% in 2003; 0.15% in 2004 and 0.05% in 2005.

Alternative Fuel Regulations and Current Status of Bill Drafts

In the discussion of proposed alternative fuel standards and bill draft requests, these blended into one conversation, the following key points were raised.

- Jason Geddes should talk to DRI about their hydrogen vehicle and hydrogen quality
- Mike Eriksen had concerns about being able to regulate propane quality
- Daryl Capurro brought up the issue that alternative fuel vehicles are not tested for emissions. He said that there was a proposal to the legislature to look at testing alternative fuel vehicles
- Daryl also cautioned they we needed to be careful and not create standards requiring boutique fuels as it would lower availability and drive up costs. Truckers would most likely pass through Clark County without fueling.
- Daryl reported that Jim Parsons' report for DMVPS concerning on-road diesel testing showed that the failure levels they were finding were similar to gas. The final numbers for the report were:

Visual <u>Observations</u>	Vehicles <u>Tested</u>	Vehicles <u>Failed</u>	Citations <u>Issued</u>	Citations <u>Paid</u>	Vehicles <u>Repaired</u>
9263	633	222	222	8	176

2.4% of the total vehicles observed emitting a smoke plume were above opacity level.

- The SB-432 study on Air Quality in Clark County was completed and is available from the Legislative Counsel Bureau. There will be several ramifications from this study. The most immediate being the reorganization of the air quality agencies in Clark County into one new agency.
- Daryl mentioned that California has a program to scrap older vehicles. They have allocated \$25 million to replace older vehicles that are the largest polluters.
- Neena mentioned there was a bill draft to remove taxation on LPG used for domestic purposes. The legislation includes a definition of domestic use.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.